

Reducing Child Mortality Due to Illness and Trauma

The National EMSC program is designed to reduce child and youth mortality and morbidity sustained due to severe illness or trauma.

It aims to ensure that state-of-the art emergency medical care is provided to all children and adolescents and that pediatric service is well-integrated into an emergency medical services system. This requires access to optimal resources and the assurance that the entire spectrum of emergency services, including primary prevention of illness and injury, acute care, and rehabilitation, is provided to children and adolescents, as well as adults.

Goals and Objectives

The Idaho Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) project is located in the Emergency Medical Services Bureau. It is supported by a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the National Highway Safety Administration.

The project is designed to assess the current status of EMSC within the state of Idaho. Assessment will occur through the following objectives:

- **EMSC needs assessment of health care services;**
- **Assessment of the nature, extent, severity, and cost of pediatric events encountered by EMS personnel;**
- **Evaluation of EMS pediatric care and identification of areas where EMS pediatric care might be improved; and**
- **Determination of the effect the Poison Control Center has on parent or caregiver decision-making about seeking medical care for their child in the event of poisoning, and the hospital preparations to care for the child.**

Decision-Making

The EMSC Task Force is a statewide, multidisciplinary subcommittee of the EMS Advisory Committee. The task force is comprised of experienced practitioners from their respective fields focused on the care of children and adolescents. They meet quarterly to provide guidance to the EMSC Project.

Frequently Asked Questions

EMS Response/Trauma in Children Data

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Making a Difference in Idaho

EMS for Children wants to highlight best practice pediatric success stories. Topics could include:

- **Pediatric "saves";**
- **EMS heroes;**
- **Injury prevention activities; or**
- **Other positive stories, which inspire or educate.**

Please get me your stories any way possible. A few suggestions would be to E-mail, mail, fax, or telephone call, and you may send a single photo, if desired, to DennyW@idhw.state.id.us. If you have questions, contact DennyW@idhw.state.id.us. The stories will be posted to our EMSC website and be submitted to the National Resource Center for possible publication in a national newsletter.